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SUBJECT: THAI PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SINGAPORE - COMMUNIQUE

- 1. THAI PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK ARRIVED SINGAPORE FEBRUARY 26 FOR TWO-DAY VISIT AS PART OF HIS TOUR OF ASEAN CAPITALS. PRIME MINISTER DEPARTING AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 28.
- 2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT CONCLUSION OF VISIT:

"AT THE INVITATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF SINGAPORE, MR. LEE KUAN YEW, THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND, H.E. GENERAL DRIANGSAK CHOMANAN, PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE FROM 26 TO 28 FEBRUARY 1978. THE PRIME MINISTER WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. VIRAT CHOMANAN.

"THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE THAI DELEGATION INCLUDED THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, H.E. DR. UPADIT PACHARIYANGKUN; TME MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, H.E. GENERAL SURAKIJ MAYALARP; THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE UNCLASSIFIED

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AND COOPERATIVES, H.E. MR. PRIDA KARNASUT; THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE, H.E. MR. NAM PHOONWATHU; THE MINISTER OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, H.E. MR. SOMPORN PUNYAGUPTA; THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, H.E. MR. KASAME CHATIKAVANIJ; THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERIOR, H.E. GENERAL PREM TINSULANONDA: THEIR WIVES AND SENIOR OFFICIALS. "DURING THE VISIT, THE PRIME MINISTER OF THAILAND

AND MRS. VIRAT CHOMANAN PAID A COURTESY CALL ON PRESI-DENT BENJAMIN HENRY SHEARES AND MRS. SHEARES. "PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK CHOMANAN AND PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW HELD WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSIONS ON BILATERAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION AND ON RECENT INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING THE REGION. "THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE INCREASING BILATERAL COOPERATCON BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD. THE TWO LEADERS AGREED ON THE EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT PROJECT ON CATTLE RAISING IN THAILAND FOR EXPORT TO SINGAPORE AND THE EXPANSION OF THE JOINT VENTURE PROJECTS FOR THE PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS. "THE PRIME MINISTERS AGREED ON MEASURES TO STEP UP GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE COOPERATION IN JOINT ENDEAVOURS. ESPECIALLY IN THE PROMOTION OF LABOUR INTENSIVE INDUSTRIES AND SHIPBUILDING PROJECT IN THAILAND. THEY ALSO AGREED ON THE FACILITATION OF THE FLOW OF LABOUR FROM THAILAND TO SINGAPORE. THE TWO LEADERS FURTHER AGREED ON LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PREFERENTIAL SUPPLY AND PURCHASE OF RICE AND MAIZE IN TIMES OF GLUT AND SHORTAGE. "THE PRIME MINISTER OF THAILAND EXPRESSED HIS GOVERN-MENT'S SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THE CONTINUING COOPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE IN THE FIELDS OF PUBLIC HOUSING, PORT MANAGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTCON, TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND TRAFFIC CONTROL. AND URBAN PLANNING AND UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPMENT. THE TWO LEADERS AGREED THAT SINGAPORE AND THAILAND WOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE AN EXCHANGE OF TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS IN VARIOUS FIELDS.
"THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS DISCUSSED THE MEASURES WHICH

WOULD EXPEDITE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE BALI AND KUALA LUMPUR ASEAN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETINGS IN ORDER TO ACCELERATE THE PACE OF ASEAN COOPERATION. THE TWO LEADERS RECOGNIZED THAT ASEAN IS VITAL TO REGIONAL COOPERATION IN SOUTHEASE ASIA AND THAT ITS PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION.

"THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT ASEAN'S COOPERATIVE DIALOGUES WITH THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE EXPANDED THE CONCRETE AREAS OF COOPERATION IN TRADE, INVESTMENT, FINANCE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

THEY AGREED THAT THESE DIALOGUES ARE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION OT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

"THE TWO LEADERS THEREFORE CALLED FOR THE BROADENING OF LINKS BETWEEN ASEAN AND THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THEY ALSO CALLED UPON THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES TO TAKE FURTHER MEASURES TO ENHANCE MARKET ACCESS FOR ASEAN PRODUCTS AND INCREASE THE FLOW OF INVESTMENTS INTO THE

ASEAN COUNTRIES.

"THE PRIME MINISTERS AGREED ON THE EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASEAN SUBMARINE TELECOMMUNICATION CABLE BETWEEN SINGAPORE, THAILAND AND MALAYSIA AS IT WOULD PROMOTE ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF ASEAN COUNTRIES. "THE TWO LEADERS RE-AFFIRMED THE DESIRE COMMON TO ALL ASEAN MEMBERS TO PROMOTE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES IRRESPECTIVE OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS, ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER'S INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AS WELL AS NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ONE ANOTHER. IN THIS RESPECT, THE PRIME MINISTER OF SINGAPORE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE POLICIES OF PRAGMATIC ACCOMMODATION PURSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND IN ITS EFFORTS TO UNCLASSIFIED

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BRING ABOUTNGREATER UNDERSTANDING AND STABILITY AMONG COUNTRIES IN THE REGION.

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"PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK CHOMANAN EXPRESSED HIS WARMEST APPRECIATION TO THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE FOR THE HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO HIM AND HIS PARTY DURING THE VISIT. HOLDRIDGE

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